



A Missouri State Library news service

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Atchison county library passes tax levy

Yesterday's election proved successful for the Atchison County Public Library, which saw its proposed tax levy pass with a significant majority. County citizens approved a ten-cent increase, which will raise the library's levy from 20 cents to 30 cents per 100 dollars of assessed valuation.

Atchison County Library has three locations – the main library in Rock Port, and branch libraries in Tarkio and Fairfax. This is the first tax levy increase in 22 years.

Registration still open for trustee workshop

If a board member from your library is interested in attending the upcoming trustee workshop, space is available. "Library Boards 101—Foundations for Success" is the first in a series of four workshops designed to help library board members become "master" trustees. Over the course of the workshops, trustees will learn about their roles and responsibilities, legal issues, money issues, and planning and standards.

The first session will focus on the roles and responsibilities of library board members. By the end of the workshop, trustees will understand the best way to establish bylaws and policies, select and educate other trustees, support the library director, and communicate the services of the library effectively.

This workshop will be conducted by videoconference to five libraries across the state on Saturday, April 17, 2004, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Trustees are welcome to attend the workshop at any of the five locations:

- Cass County Public Library, 400 East Mechanic, Harrisonville
- Columbia Public Library, 100 West Broadway, Columbia
- H.E. Sever Memorial Library, 207 West Chestnut, Kahoka
- The Library Center, 4653 South Campbell, Springfield
- West Plains Public Library, 750 West Broadway Street, West Plains

Trustees can register by contacting Holly Dentner, Missouri State Library, 1-800-325-0131, ext. 8, or e-mail at holly.dentner@sos.mo.gov. Onsite registration will also be available.

The next workshop in the series, covering library legal issues, is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2004. Registration details for that workshop will be in the mail soon. The last two sessions are tentatively scheduled for June 12 and September 25. In addition to the locations listed for the April 17 session, Mississippi County Public Library in Charleston will also participate in the final three sessions.

State aid payment distribution

The third and fourth quarters of State Aid FY2004 (\$0.55 per capita) will soon be distributed to eligible public libraries. Another announcement will be issued when an actual payment date is determined, and the amounts will be posted to the MOSL Web site. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Barbara Reading, Missouri State Library at 1-800-325-0131 ext. 4, or barbara.reading@sos.mo.gov.

Presentation from Gates Sustainability Seminars

If your library has Gates computers and you missed the Gates Sustainability Seminars at the Columbia Public Library and the Library Center in Springfield in March, you can request a copy of the presentation from the State Library. Please contact Krista Adams at 800-325-0131 ext. 16 or krista.adams@sos.mo.gov.

The four-hour seminar focused on the public access security system, support issues with Gates computers, supporting public access computers in general, and resources available once technical support from the Gates Foundation ends. Technical support from the Gates Foundation for Missouri libraries with Gates computers will end May 20, 2004. For tips on what to do as the end of technical support approaches, go to http://www.pacomputing.org/Search/ts_expire.aspx. The Gateway warranty for Gates computers will expire four years from the delivery date of each computer. If you do not know the delivery date of your computer, you can find warranty information on Gateway's support Web site, <http://support.gateway.com/support/default.asp>, and enter the serial number of your computer.

Training available for Internet safety resources

MOREnet will soon offer training sessions on the NetSmartz Workshop® and using NetSmartz resources. The NetSmartz Workshop, a program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® and Boys & Girls Clubs of America, is an interactive, educational resource for youth (ages 5 to 17), parents, guardians, educators and law enforcement. The program uses age-appropriate, 3-D activities to teach young people how to stay safer on the Internet. NetSmartz was recently made available from the MOREnet Web site at <http://www.netsmartz.org/education/mo/>, and classes will be available in mid-May 2004. Find the current training schedule at <http://www.more.net/training/schedule.html>.

Understanding e-metrics for public libraries

The Information Institute at Florida State University's School of Information Studies has partnered with the Omaha Public Library to present "Understanding E-Metrics for Public Libraries." This free workshop will be held on Monday, May 17, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Omaha Public Library in Nebraska.

The workshop will be led by Joe Ryan, Senior Research Associate at the Information Institute and co-author of the manual *Statistics and Performance Measures for Public Library Networked Services*. Go to <http://www.ii.fsu.edu/emis/registration/index.cfm> for more information and to register.

The session is designed for those who consult or instruct within their library, state library agency, or consortia, or want to better understand how to evaluate electronic services/resources. The session will cover the following topics:

- A general introduction to e-metrics, what they are, and why they are important to the library community
- An introduction to the online module website, design, and features
- Specific instruction on selected e-metrics
- Data use and presentation strategies

Questions about the workshop should be directed to Joe Ryan at jzryan@earthlink.net. Please contact Theresa Jehlik for Omaha information at tjehlik@omaha.lib.ne.us or 402-444-4803.

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